

## SAUSALITO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## PRESS RELEASE:

## SAUSALITO'S LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION CAMERAS LEAD TO STOLEN VEHICLE ARREST

For immediate release:

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On Wednesday, May 15, 2019, at approximately 4:16 PM, the Sausalito Police Department received an alert from our License Plate Recognition Cameras of a stolen vehicle entering Sausalito from the 4000 block of Bridgeway. The vehicle, a 2016 Lexus, had been stolen from San Mateo on May 12, 2019.

Sausalito Police Officers immediately responded and conducted a comprehensive search of the area. At approximately 4:42 PM, Officer Honour Knudsen located the Lexus driving northbound in the 4000 block of Bridgeway. Officers affected a stop on the Lexus on Gate 6 Road and detained the driver, Harry McHugh (27-year-old resident of Sausalito) who was the sole occupant of the vehicle. Further investigation led to McHugh being arrested and booked into the Marin County Jail for possession of a stolen vehicle.

Since the City of Sausalito's License Plate Recognition Camera program became operational on Thursday, May 18, 2017, twenty (20) stolen vehicles have been recovered leading to the arrest of twenty-six (26) individuals for various crimes. The goal of the License Plate Recognition Camera program is to increase public safety by utilizing technology to alert law enforcement to wanted vehicles, enhance post-crime investigative abilities, and deter crime by increasing the likelihood of suspect identification.

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